

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 18, 2008. Claims 1-5, 8-18, 20 and 21 were pending in the application. With this amendment, claim 1 is amended, claims 18, 20 and 21 are canceled, and the remaining claims are unchanged in the application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7-16, 18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Rettig et al. US Patent No. 6,252,589 in view of Bennett et al. US Publication No. 2002/0052910. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to more specifically indicate how the language-neutral file and language-specific resource file are created. Claim 1 has first been amended to indicate that after the resource manifest file is obtained, a resource file is retrieved "by accessing the resource manifest file...". Then, the method includes "creating a language-neutral file and a language-specific resource file for the retrieved resource file, the language-specific resource file having a plurality of language-specific resources, the language-neutral file and the language-specific resource file being created by reading localizable resource information contained in the resource manifest file...the language-neutral file and language-specific file being created by splitting localizable resources identified by the localizable resource information into neutral and localized files, and by creating a language-neutral image and a language-specific image of the resource file." This does not appear to be found in any of the references cited by the Examiner.

In rejecting this step in claim 1, the Examiner cited various portions of Rettig. The Examiner stated that Rettig implicitly teaches this step. The cited portions appear to teach generating a module handle dynamically based on a system-wide operation user-setting that specifies a chosen language for the user interface. The module handle can dynamically generate a path to an alternate language resource module using a dynamic look-up table. The cited portion of Rettig further indicates "it is also possible for the process to request a resource that is

language-specific and the process of satisfying such a request may be outside the steps relating to the invention and satisfied by prior art methods...” see column 9, lines 14-16.

It does not appear, however, that the reference teaches, anywhere, that both a language-neutral file and a language-specific resource file are created for a retrieved resource file that is retrieved by accessing the resource manifest. The Rettig reference does not even appear to be directed to creating such language-neutral and language-specific resource files. Instead, it would appear to be drawn to how those files are accessed once they have already been created. Certainly, the reference does not teach or suggest that the language-neutral and language-specific files are created by splitting localizable resources, identified by localizable resource information in the manifest file, into neutral and localized files. This would appear to be completely missing from Rettig.

Also, it does not appear that Rettig even mentions that both a language-neutral image and a language-specific image of the resource file are created. It appears to Applicant that this notion is entirely absent from the Rettig reference.

In sum, the Examiner cited Retting et al. as meeting the limitation of creating a language-neutral file and a language-specific resource file, but it does not appear that Rettig is even drawn to the process of creating such files. Further, the cited portions of Rettig specifically fail to teach or suggest the way in which the language-neutral and language-specific files are created, as set out in independent claim 1. Applicant thus submits that independent claim 1 is allowable over the references cited by the Examiner.

Dependent claims 2-17 depend either directly or ultimately from independent claim 1. Applicant thus submits that these claims are allowable as well. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-17 are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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